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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, the period for response extending until January 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the accompanying Remarks and Amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

It is not believed that any extensions of time are required. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0458 (Fishkill). Please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to the same Deposit Account.